

JUN 28 2005

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:	§ Confirmation Number:
MELOUL, Raphael F.	§ 1440
Serial No.:	§ Group Art Unit:
10/635,503	§ 3763
Filed:	§ Examiner:
Aug 7, 2003	§ SIRMONS, Kevin C.
Title: SAFETY NEEDLE AND SHIELD	§ Atty. Docket Number:
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION MAILED JANUARY 28, 2005,
REVOCATION AND APPOINTMENT OF POWER OF ATTORNEY AND
PETITION FOR TWO (2) MONTHS EXTENSION OF TIME**

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To the Office:

Applicant's attorneys are now in receipt of an Official Communication from the USPTO that was mailed on January 28, 2005. At the issuance of the Official Communication, claims 1-40 were pending with the Office setting forth rejections for each claim excluding claims 4 and 22 to which the Office has entered objections. This response includes the following elements:

Petition for a two month extension of time to respond to the Office Action;

Revocation and appointment of a new power of attorney; and

A response to each issue raised in the Office Action.

Extension of Time

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of two (2) months, extending the time for responding to Official Action to June 28, 2005.

Revocation and Appointment of Power of Attorney

The applicant submits PTO Form SB/81 to revoke previous powers of attorney and establish power of attorney with Smith Frohwein Tempel Greenlee Blaha, LLC, Customer Number 35856.